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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of: David John Bishop, Herbert R. Shea, and Donald Weiss

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ABSTRACT:

The invention relates to devices for accurate and safe detonation at a plurality of locations. The invention employs a central detonation unit comprising a pyrotechnically-driven laser and a plurality of detonators (505) activatable via an optical path. A plurality of optical fibers (504) link the central detonation unit to the detonators. An optical switch (502) permits the selective deactivation of certain fibers so as to permit modification of the shape of the shock wave produced by the detonators.

Thus, the invention permits multi-location detonation that is accurate and insensitive to external disturbances.

TRANSLATIONS OF RELEVANT PORTION (page 6, line 20, to page 7, line 6:

"It is sometimes necessary, due to external factors that are determined right before detonation, to orient the direction of concentration of the shock wave, to successfully handle the situation in which the position relative to the explosive mass isn't determined until that very moment. Accordingly, the invention proposes the following improvement:

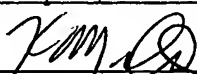
"It is known that such a modification of the shock wave can achieve a selection, prior to detonation, of only a portion of the detonators, so as to obtain the desired effect. To accomplish this, the invention proposes to supply optical fibers 504 via an optical switch 502, which itself

directly receives optical luminous energy provided by source 501. Such switches are well known in the art and can be achieved in different ways, for example, in this case, taking into account the level of energy used and the fact that the device is constructed so as to be used only once, to initiate the decoupling of the portion of optical fibers connected to the detonators that are to remain inactive.

"The system of optical switch 502 operates based on control signals transmitted by link 503, provided, for example, by the same central control unit 101 as that which serves to initiate the operation of detonation safety device 102."

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	BA	5,229,542	07/1993	Bryan et al.	102	491	
	BB	5,052,300	10/1991	Josse	102	201	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO	
	BC	2 760 266	09/1998	France	F 42 B	3/113	Abstract and Relevant Portions	
	BD	EP 0 807 841 A2	11/1997	Europe	G02B	26/02		

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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